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To provide for the location of the National Museum of the United States
Army.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THURMOND (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ALLEN) introduced the
following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on
Armed Services

A BILL

To provide for the location of the National Museum of the
United States Army.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Museum of
5 the United States Army Site Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

1 (1) The Nation does not have adequate knowl-
2 edge of the role of the Army in the development and
3 protection of the United States.

4 (2) The Army, the oldest United States military
5 service, lacks a primary museum with public exhi-
6 bition space and is in dire need of a permanent facil-
7 ity to house and display its historical artifacts.

8 (3) Such a museum would serve to enhance the
9 preservation, study, and interpretation of Army his-
10 torical artifacts.

11 (4) Many Army artifacts of historical signifi-
12 cance and national interest which are currently un-
13 available for public display would be exhibited in
14 such a museum.

15 (5) While the Smithsonian Institution would be
16 able to assist the Army in developing programs of
17 presentations relating to the mission, values, and
18 heritage of the Army, such a museum would be a
19 more appropriate institution for such programs.

20 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

21 (1) to provide for a permanent site for a mu-
22 seum to serve as the National Museum of the United
23 States Army;

1 (2) to ensure the preservation, maintenance,
2 and interpretation of the artifacts and history col-
3 lected by such museum;

4 (3) to enhance the knowledge of the American
5 people of the role of the Army in United States his-
6 tory; and

7 (4) to provide a facility for the public display of
8 the artifacts and history of the Army.

9 **SEC. 3. LOCATION OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE**
10 **UNITED STATES ARMY.**

11 The Secretary of the Army shall provide for the loca-
12 tion of the National Museum of the United States Army
13 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

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